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TITLE: IMPROVED WELDING MACHINE

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the  
subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought  
on the invention entitled IMPROVED WELDING MACHINE, the  
specification of which

☒ [x] is attached hereto

☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

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☐ [ ] was described and claimed in PCT International  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of  
the above-identified specification, including the claims, as  
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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material  
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[x] In compliance with this duty there is attached  
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- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

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